

Black River State Forest

Campground Maps and Information



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Campground Regulations

Welcome to the Black River State Forest. These campgrounds have been designed to promote a family camping experience that protects the adjoining natural resources on the State Forest and minimizes conflict with surrounding campers. Listed below are the rules and common camping etiquette that campers must follow while enjoying their camping privileges at the Castle Mound, Pigeon Creek, East Fork, Horse Camp, and Group campgrounds.

Camping permits

All campers must obtain a camping permit either by self-registration or from the campground attendant prior to setting up a camp. The camping permit is not valid till full payment of all fees has been made. Advanced reservations may be made for sites at Castle Mound campground. Camp sites at East Fork, Pigeon Creek, and Horse Camp campgrounds as well as any unreserved sites at Castle Mound are available on a walk in, first come, first serve basis.

Each day of a camping permit covers the period from 3:00 p.m. of the first day through 3:00 p.m. of the last day. Once a camping permit is issued, campers may switch to a different site only after approval by the campground attendant. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain at a campground for a period of more than 21 days in any four week period. Camping at the horse campground is restricted to individuals, families, or groups bringing horses to ride the State Forest trails.

Advanced reservations

Reservations are accepted for sites at Castle Mound campgrounds and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of arrival by calling RESERVEAMERICA at 1-888-947-2757 or through their web site at www.reserveamerica.com. Reservations can only be made for the period between May 15th and October 1st each year. First come, first serve applies to sites not previously reserved.

Reservations for the East Fork Group camp must be made by contacting the State Forest at (715) 284-4103.

Camp sites

Camping is permitted only at campsites designated with a fire ring, picnic table, and campsite post. Use of a single campsite is limited to an individual, a family of related individuals, or a group of individuals not exceeding 6 persons. Campers must seek prior permission to extend the duration of their stay or to transfer from one site to another. Any transfer or extension is subject to site availability and full payment of all fees.

Each campground has this number of sites available:

Castle Mound near Black River Falls has 35 sites including 5 with electricity.

Pigeon Creek northeast of Millston offers 38 sites near the Wildcat hiking trails.

East Fork on the Black River offers 25 sites on the northern edge of the Forest.

Horse Camp at East Fork offers 12 sites with adequate space for horse trailers.

Use of generators is not permitted within any campgrounds.

Camp fires

Fires are allowed in the metal fire rings provided at each site and must be of moderate size contained to the fire ring. Firewood can be purchased at the campground but campers may not cut or remove trees from the campground for firewood. Charcoal or gas grills brought by campers are permitted but careful disposal of used charcoal is required. Do not burn trash in the fire rings. Extinguish all fires before leaving the area unattended.

Quiet hours

The campground is closed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. All visitors must leave by 11:00 p.m. Campers may not set up or take down a camping unit during closed hours. Noise between campsites must be controlled so that adjacent campers are not disturbed. All radios, stereos, instruments, idling ve-

hicles, or other devices must be turned off. Use of generators is not permitted within any campgrounds. Motor campers may not operate engines or other equipment that produces noise that can be heard at adjacent campsites. Conversations and voices must be kept low enough so that they can not be heard at other campsites. Remember that noise can travel long distances especially on calm, summer nights. Evening noise produces the greatest conflict among campers, so your cooperation is required.

Sanitary facilities

Water is provided at all campgrounds. The wells are tested periodically to confirm that the water is safe from bacteria and nitrates. The only campground with access to municipal water is Castle Mound with water at the shower building provided by the Village of Brockway. Do not wash dishes or other items at the water pumps since this offers risk of contamination of the pump and water supply at this location. All wash water and other wastewater must be disposed of at the sanitary dump station or restroom facilities. One sanitary dump station is located near the entrance to Castle Mound campground and is open from May 15th through October 1st each year.

Vault toilet facilities are provided at all campgrounds. Hot water, showers, and flush toilets are available seasonally at the Castle Mound campground. Please place disposable diapers, beverage containers, and other trash in appropriate trash containers and not in the vault toilets.

Dumpsters for garbage disposal are provided at all campgrounds for registered campers. You are encouraged to use the recycling containers for any plastics, metal or glass products. Littering or leaving trash at your site is not permitted.



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Motor vehicles

No more than 2 motor vehicles may be parked at each campsite on the gravel pads and vehicles may not travel beyond any posts or barriers. All vehicles carrying campers, camping equipment, and visitors must have a valid State of Wisconsin vehicle admission sticker attached to the left front windshield. Extra vehicles may be parked at designated parking lots. ATVs, trail motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other motorized recreational vehicles may not operate in the campgrounds. These vehicles may not be driven from the campgrounds to reach the recreational trails.

Pets

Your pet may accompany you during your stay in the campground but must be on a leash no longer than 8' at all times. In consideration of other campers, please

clean up after your pet. No pets are permitted in any buildings, beaches, playgrounds, or picnic grounds. Barking must be controlled or the offending animal must be removed from the campground.

Alcohol and other controlled substances

All State and local laws regarding use of alcohol and drugs apply within the boundaries of the State Forest including these campgrounds. These are public areas not private homes. Use of alcohol by minors is not permitted. Illegal use within the campgrounds may lead to loss of camping privileges.

Fireworks

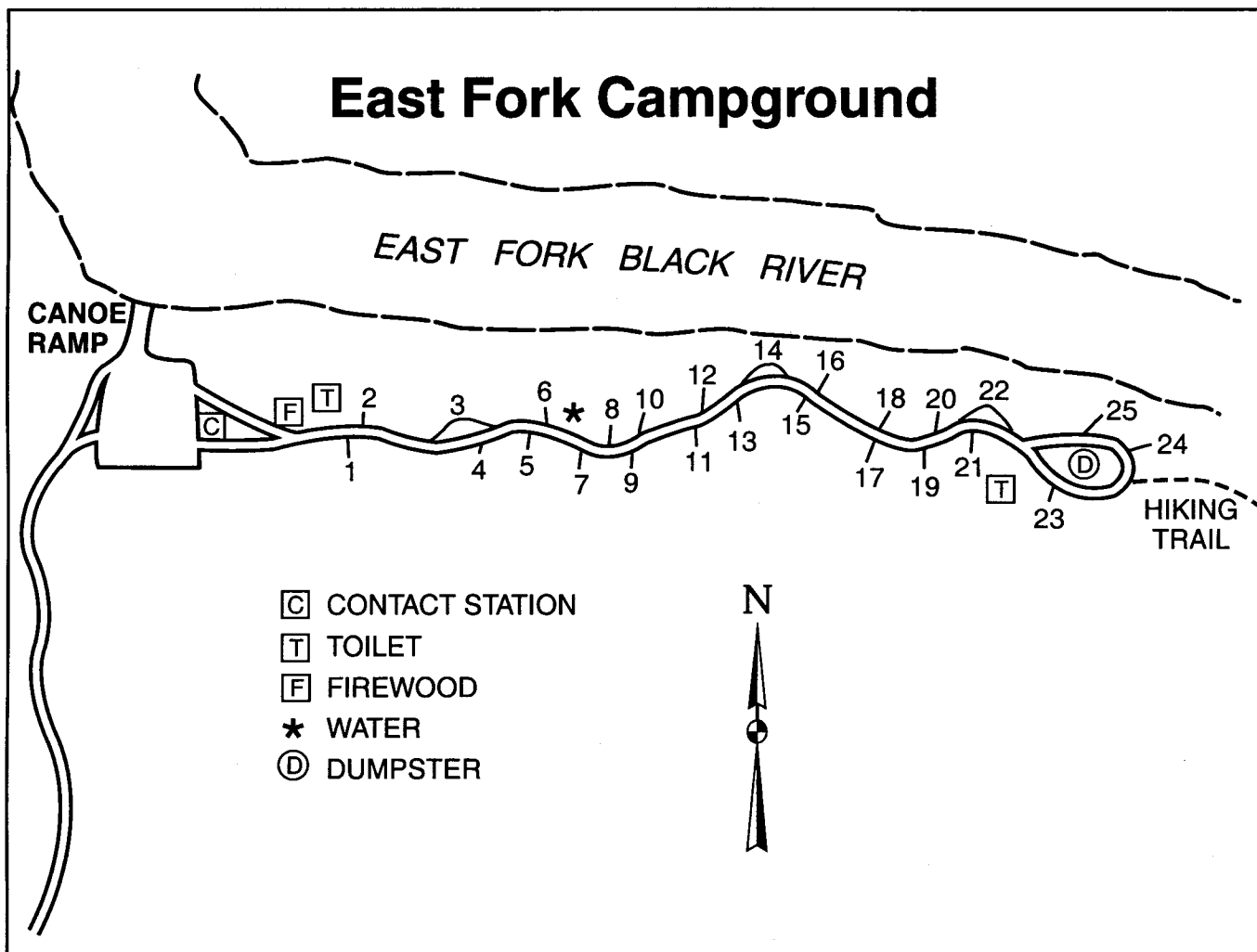
Fireworks, sparklers and other noise-makers are not permitted. All firearms and bows must be kept unloaded and cased inside the camping units while camping.

Security

Limited campground patrol is provided by State Forest personnel depending on time of day and seasons. Round the clock patrol within the campgrounds is not currently provided. Please secure all valuables before leaving your campsite unattended. In an emergency, contact State Forest staff or the Jackson County Sheriff's office at 911.

Camping Privileges

The staff of the Black River State Forest appreciate your cooperation and compliance with these camping regulations. We believe these regulations promote family camping that is enjoyable for you and others staying here. Campers who do not comply may be subject to appropriate citations and loss of their camping privileges.

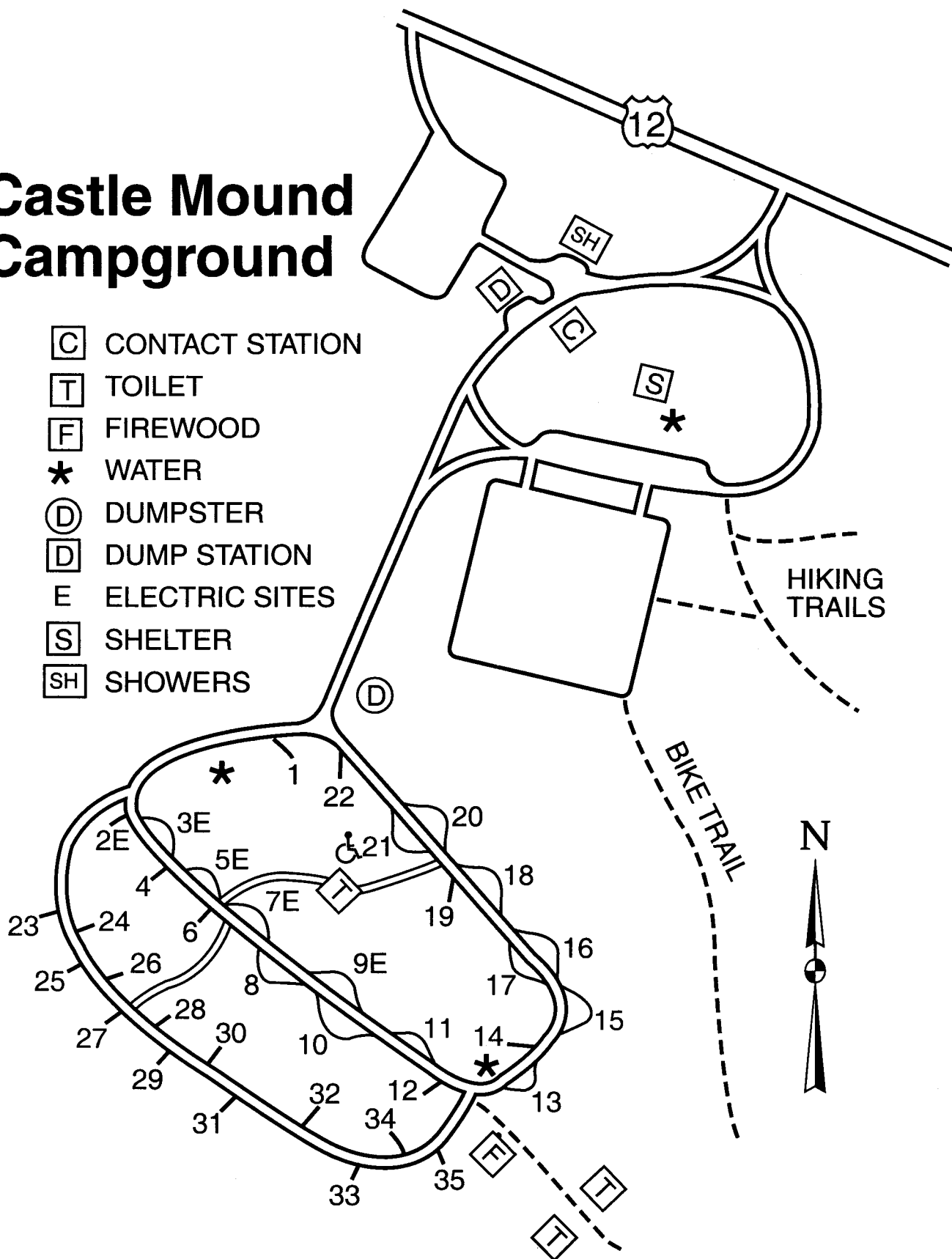


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Castle Mound Campground

- C CONTACT STATION
- T TOILET
- F FIREWOOD
- ★ WATER
- D DUMPSTER
- D DUMP STATION
- E ELECTRIC SITES
- S SHELTER
- SH SHOWERS



Pigeon Creek Campground



- [C] CONTACT STATION
- [T] TOILET
- [F] FIREWOOD
- * WATER
- (D) DUMPSTER

